

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the due consideration given the application.

The Official Action requires a further restriction of Group IV. The Official Action asserts that the application contains claims containing more than one species of the generic invention. The species are set forth as compounds comprising different biorecognition elements, such as a lactosyl group, a heparin-derived oligosaccharide a branching element derived from pentaerythritol, and others.

The species with structure (V) is elected with traverse, the structure comprises a pentaerythritol by a recognition group.

The following claims are identified encompassing the elected species: claim(s) 34-35 (in part), 37-38 (in part), 42-44 (in part), 47-50, 52-60 (in part).

Traversal is proper because the biorecognition element's exact nature is not the specific technical feature of the present invention, as suggested by the Official Action.

The special technical feature of the present invention is the combination of cyclodextrin and biorecognition element; this combination increases the selectivity of the inclusion complex toward a specific receptor.

Furthermore, this flexibility in biorecognition is an important feature of the present invention. It allows one to

attune the biorecognition element on the targeted membrane receptor, and makes it possible to deliver the encapsulated pharmaceutical compound selectively to the aimed cells.

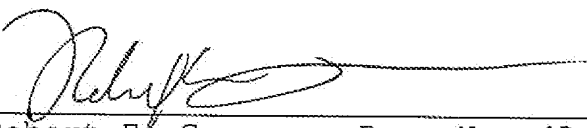
Thus, all the compounds of the invention of Group IV share the same special technical feature and should be considered as related to the same inventive concept.

Accordingly, examinations of all the species of the elected group are respectfully requested. Ultimately, consideration of additional species upon allowance of the generic claim is respectfully requested. It is also noted that the Official Action has found claims 34-45 and 52-60 to be generic.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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